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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 2828
PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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For: "FUNDAMENTAL-TRANSVERSE-MODE INDEX-GUIDED SEMICONDUCTOR
LASER DEVICE HAVING UPPER OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE LAYER THINNER THAN
LOWER OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE LAYER"

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2003, please consider the remarks
as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

This Amendment, submitted in response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2003,
is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly,
favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.